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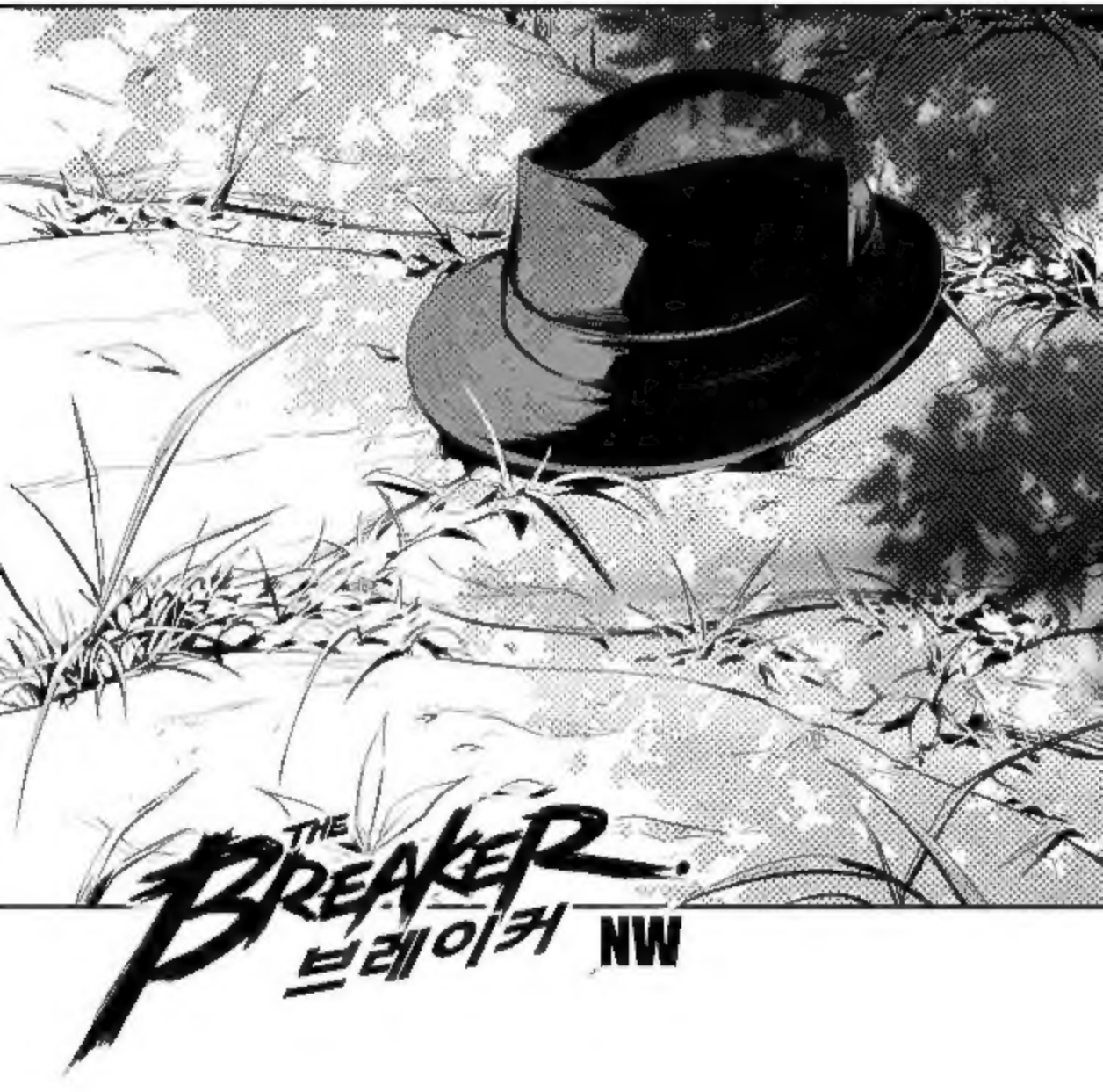
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HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE? YOU NOT HAPPY WITH ME HERE?
CASE BY CASE
N- NO, THAT'S NOT IT... BUT WHY HERE, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IT'S AN ORDER FROM ELDER KWON! I'M YOUR BODYGUARD FOR NOW, SO KEEP THAT IN MIND.
HUH???
THAT GUY'S GETTIN' DISCIPLINED. YOU WON'T BE SEEING HIM AROUND FOR A WHILE.
UM... THEN WHAT ABOUT GYOO-BUM AHJUSSI*?

[ *- "UNCLE"; TO ADDRESS OR REFER TO AN OLDER MAN ]

ANYWAY, YOU'RE GONNA GO SEE YOUR MOTHER, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, RIGHT?

OH, I OWE HER FOR THE TIME I WAS IN HERE, SO I SHOULD AT LEAST SAY GOODBYE TO THE SCHOOL HEAD MISSY.

OKAY, THEN I'LL CATCH YOU LATER AT THE CAR.
AND WHERE WILL YOU BE, HA-IL-NIM?

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YES...

IT WAS A COMPLETE AND TOTAL LOSS.

KNOCK KNOCK
IF YOU'RE LIKE THAT, EVEN I'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME RESISTING, Y'KNOW...

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HI~! I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE.
SUUK
LIKE I THOUGHT, YOUR REINSTATEMENT SEEMS TO HAVE COME THROUGH.
AHH... YEAH, IT WAS JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
FINE. LET ME ASK YOU.
CHE! YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL, Y'KNOW.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HERE TO ASK ME SOMETHING, RATHER THAN TO SAY GOODBYE.
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!
JUST HOW FAR HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING AHEAD IN ALL OF THIS?

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DON'T TELL ME YOU EVEN HAD THIS MEETING RIGHT NOW PLANNED OUT FROM BEFORE?!

WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR ACTIONS SO FAR, IT FEELS LIKE YOU'D HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT.
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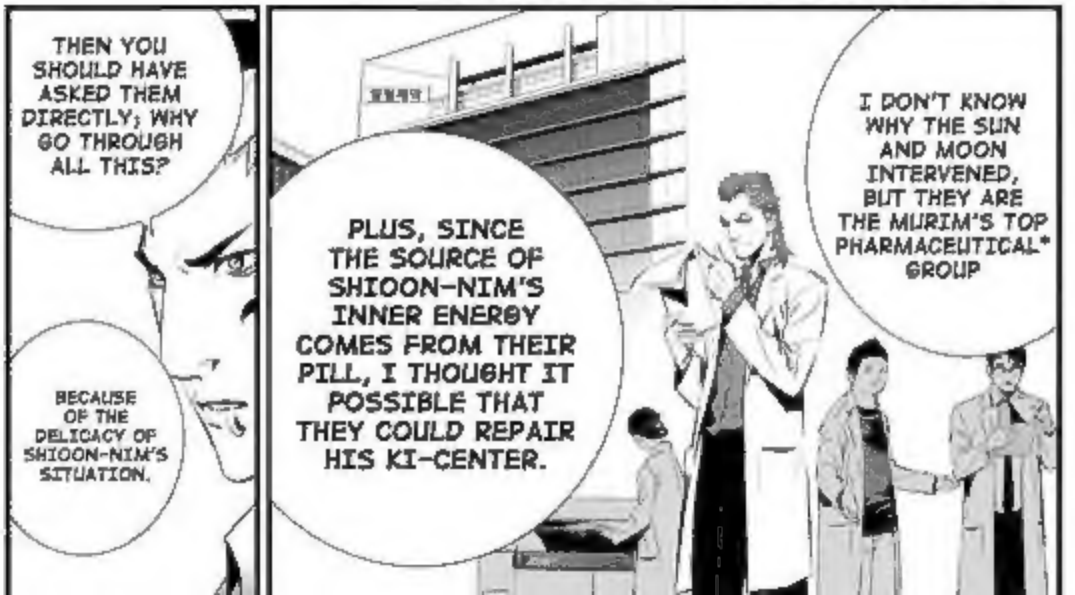
BUT EVEN I CAN'T PREDICT EACH AND EVERY UNEXPECTED INCIDENT.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.

BACK THEN, BAE SEUNG-JAE WAS FISHY, SO I HAD HIM TAILED... AND REALIZED HIS CONNECTION TO THE SUN AND MOON.
THEN, THE THING WITH THE SUN AND MOON SCHOOL...?
THAT WAS JUST BEING LUCKY.

*[ *- "WEH DAN", LIT. "EXTERNAL, MEDICINE BALL/PILL" ]*


THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED THEM DIRECTLY; WHY GO THROUGH ALL THIS?
BECAUSE OF THE DELICACY OF SHIOON-NIM'S SITUATION.
PLUS, SINCE THE SOURCE OF SHIOON-NIM'S INNER ENERGY COMES FROM THEIR PILL, I THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD REPAIR HIS KI-CENTER.
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE SUN AND MOON INTERVENED, BUT THEY ARE THE MURIM'S TOP PHARMACEUTICAL* GROUP

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ASK, LET ALONE EXPECT A CLAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE ALLIANCE, SUCH AS THE SUN AND MOON, TO HELP SHIOON-NIM
SHIOON-NIM IS THE DISCIPLE OF THE GOOMOONRYONG THAT SHATTERED THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE, AND ALSO THE NEW HEAD OF THE SUNWOO CLAN, WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE ALLIANCE...

SO... THE SUN AND MOON CLAN TREATING THAT KID... IT WAS JUST AN ON-THE-SPOT CONCOCTION??
I TOLD YOU, WE WERE LUCKY. OUR GAMBLE PAID OFF.
BUT THEN WE UNCOVERED CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF AN ILLEGAL DEAL BETWEEN BAE AND THE HEAD OF THE SUN AND MOON... THEN IT TOOK A TURN IN AN UNEXPECTED DIRECTION.

IN ONE SENSE, THE BIGGEST REASON FOR OUR GAMBLE SUCCEEDING WAS SHIOON-NIM'S ACTION, WHICH WAS UNEXPECTED.
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Y'KNOW, THAT QUESTION COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING VERY RUDE.
DO YOU... LIKE SHIOON?
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WELL, THAT'S ONE OF MY CHARM POINTS, THEY SAY.
...
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I FIND SHIOON-NIM TO BE ATTRACTIVE.
I...
ATTRACTIVE? THAT IMBECILE??

I LOST MY PARENTS EARLY ON DUE TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL'S INNER FACTIONS. FROM THEN ON, I GREW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE I MIGHT DIE IF I COULDN'T READ OTHERS' MINDS QUICKLY.

I LEARNED FAST HOW TO BEHAVE, HOW TO SURVIVE IN THEIR MIDST. AND I WAS ABLE TO READ MOST PEOPLE'S MINDS, AND ACT IN A CALCULATING FASHION.

AND... WHAT I WAS LEFT WITH, IN THE END, WAS A SENSE OF DISTRUST TOWARDS PEOPLE.

COWARDLY, AND WEAK... THAT'S HOW PEOPLE ARE.

FOR THEIR OWN GAIN, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT MAY BE, THEY WOULDN'T BAT AN EYELASH BEFORE MAKING OTHERS SUFFER... BEFORE TAKING OTHERS' LIVES.

BUT SHIOON-NIM WAS DIFFERENT.
HE WENT WAY BEYOND MY CALCULATION, WITH HIS FOOLISHNESS AND RECKLESSNESS AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TRUST AND DEPEND ON HIM UNCONDITIONALLY. LIKE A CHILD

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I'M SORRY I MADE YOU TALK SO MUCH. YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
AHH .. YUP. YOU'VE SAID MORE THAN ENOUGH...
WHAT?
I KNOW YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT HER.
I LIKE THE IDEA OF FAIR-PLAY ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE PERSON WHO GAVE YOU THAT HAT...
DO YOU KNOW WHY I TOLD YOU ALL THIS?
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE.
THIS HAT... HOW DID YOU...
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY. SINCE SHIOON-NIM HASN'T MADE UP HIS MIND YET
...

AND IF I DIDN'T KNOW WHO THAT WAS, THEN I WOULD BE AN IDIOT ISN'T THAT SO?
FOR A STYLISH MAN LIKE HA-IL-NIM TO CARE FOR SUCH A WORN-OUT HAT, IT MUST BE FROM SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO YOU..
ARE YOU JINIE, THE ONE WHO JUST GOT HERE?
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THEY WEREN'T KIDDING WHEN THEY SAID YOU LOOK LIKE LADY HAE-JIN.
AND WHO ARE YOU, AHJUSSI?
HUG
!
WELCOME HOME... IT'S REALLY GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK...
AHJUSSI?

SAY THAT AGAIN. WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT RED HAIR?
BOOM
W- WE DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN'! DARN IT!
POW
WUAAH-!
GLANCE
MESS WITH JINIE AGAIN, AND I'LL SNAP YOUR BACKBONE IN HALF!!
CRRRNCK
WHY DID YOU HELP?! THOSE BASTARDS, I COULDA TAKEN THEM MYSELF!!
OI! YOU OKAY, JINIE?

FINE, I WON'T HELP YOU NEXT TIME!
CHE! GET AWAY! YOU'RE STILL GONNA INTERFERE, ANYWAYS!
YOU LI'L BRAT~! PRETTY SPUNKY, AREN'T YA?
HM?
IT'S MY DAD'S, I FOUND IT WHILE PUTTING THINGS AWAY. YOU CAN HAVE IT, HA-IL.
HUH??
WHAT'S THIS?
BUT IT'S PRECIOUS TO YOU, RIGHT? SO WHY WOULD YOU...?
IT'S BETTER TO LET SOMEONE WEAR IT THAN TO PUT IT AWAY WITH OTHER STUFF.
AND...

SO, THIS MEANS I GOTTA PAY YOU BACK WHEN A STRONG ENEMY APPEARS, RIGHT?
!
HEH...
YOU LOOK LIKE MY DAD SOMETIMES. SO, I THINK THE HAT WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
!
THAT'S NOT IT! GIVE THAT BACK!
HEH! IN YOUR DREAMS!
CHE.
JINIE, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
EVEN IF WE JOIN FORCES, THE ENEMY THIS TIME SEEMS TO BE TOO STRONG FOR US TO BEAT.
WHY IS MY EAR SO ITCHY?!